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**Mail Stop Amendment**

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) (PTO/SB/22);
2. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) authorized in the amount of \$510.00 to cover the extension of time fee;
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4. One (1) return postcard.

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Respectfully submitted,

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